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3rd Brigade Combat Group, 3rd Infantry Division issued APS 5 equipment by the 402nd AFSB

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CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT - "Our sole purpose today is to do everything we can to make sure you have an effective and efficient draw and that you are comfortable signing for every piece of equipment that you are going to get today," said LTC Kenneth Gill, the Kuwait Battalion Commander, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade as his unit prepared to begin the issue of equipment from the Army Prepositioned Stock 5 (APS-5) to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division in preparation for their role in the US Army Central Command's, Operation Spartan Shield in June 2012.

The APS-5 equipment is maintained by the 402nd Army Field Support Battalion-Kuwait to meet unit requirements in the Southwest Asia Theater of Operations. Every step in the 3-3ID draw of APS-5 equipment was rehearsed by the Kuwait Battalion prior to the draw to ensure a smooth, seamless operation that kept the receiving unit on their allotted timeline.

The Kuwait Battalion also conducted a detailed preliminary briefing with the 3-3ID leadership to explain the processes and safety procedures. In the preliminary briefing the 3-3ID leadership learned about the entire draw process including the handling and operation of the equipment, the level of inspection required and special safety considerations. After the briefing the 3-3ID leaders were provided a tour of the Kuwait Battalion's equipment storage lots and the warehouses where the equipment they were to draw would be staged.

The hot sun of Camp Arifjan was of special concern due to the impact of the intense desert heat on the newly arriving 3-3ID Soldiers. Special emphasis was given in the briefing to the need for everyone to continually drink water and to wear their safety equipment to include gloves due to the hot sun's effect on the metal surfaces of the equipment being issued.

Kuwait Battalion military personnel, Department of Army Civilians and contractor personnel were available to answer questions for the 3-3ID Leaders throughout the equipment draw. In preparation for the effort, the Kuwait Battalion ensured all the equipment identified for issue was laid out for each unit to inspect. Everything on the unit's requirement lists from tools to tanks was ready for the unit to inspect and sign for. In keeping with their reputation for excellence, the Kuwait Battalion provided all the required equipment, in excellent condition and in sync with the units established draw timeline.

Following the successful APS-5 draw, 3-3ID conducted a Relief in Place and Transition of Authority ceremony with 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division at Camp Buehring, Kuwait allowing 1-1CD to prepare for redeployment as the mission was assumed by the incoming 3-3ID.



Photo by Johnnie Frazier, 402nd AFSB Public Affairs

3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division Soldier inspects Army Prepositioned Stock 5 vehicle at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait in June, 2012



Power 7 sends farewell message, “People make the difference”



Simple little phrase, not a complex idea, but oh so true. And nowhere has it been more true than right here in the 402nd AFSB.

The past year that I have spent with you, there were so many no fail missions accomplished, untold pieces of equipment moved and shipped literally millions of transactions completed, all in support of the missions given to us by our

many different bosses.

We have had the latest technology the Army and the Materiel Enterprise could offer and the equipment needed to make all of those missions reality. But the real resource that has made the difference is the people of the 402nd.

The Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, and contractors, the “Family” are the true wealth of this organization and I wanted to say a simple but heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success we have shared.

And let’s not forget the strength of the entire group, the families and loved ones who support us from afar.

I have been privy to the highest compliments that could be given by key senior level leaders that we come in contact with, and there are none higher than the glowing words of commendation that are showered on the 402nd.

And while my Battle Buddy COL Laskodi and I may be the face of the organization, we both certainly know that we are not the strength of the 402nd that is all of you.

I wish that I had the time and ability to tell each of you thank you as you truly deserve, but that would take more time than I have, and certainly be beyond my ability to really express the appreciation I feel for everyone.

So I will just say a simple “Thank You”, and know that you will give the next command team the same support and patience that you have given us.

CSM Robert Canterbury
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AFSBn-Qatar received a Staff Assistance Visit from 402nd AFSB

By Captain Eric Zachariasen, 402nd AFSBn-Qatar Operation Officer

CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, QATAR - Eleven individuals from various sections of the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, to include the Deputy to the Commander, Robert Williams, conducted a Staff Assistance Visit (SAV) with the Army Field Support Battalion-Qatar in May 2012

In addition to the visit, the SAV Team received a tour of some of the warehouses that store Army Prepositioned Stock 5.

As the SAV Team was escorted from warehouse to warehouse they were briefed on the Battalion's footprint on Camp As Sayliyah and missions that were in progress, along with some highlights of the Battalion's projects.

In one of the warehouses the team was briefed on the Graphical Asset Representation. This is a tool used to place all equipment in the APS-5 to a location within the warehouse or other storage area. It does this by making a scale model of the equipment and storage area.

For the team to be able to go in the warehouses and see the massive amount of equipment that can fit inside them was an experience that cannot be replicated via Video Tele-conference or a PowerPoint presentation.

One of the warehouses that stored vehicles showed the team how important it was to maintain specific distances between vehicles. The minor adjustment of one foot could make the difference of being able to perform maintenance to a vehicle in the center of the warehouse or having to move every vehicle to get to the one that needed maintenance.

The team was escorted to the Stryker Facility where the Stryker employees provided an in depth overview of the facility which consisted of three warehouses. The tour of the facility ended with the Stryker employees giving the team a ride on some of the Strykers that had been rebuilt at the facility.

Overall the visit was very productive by helping the Brigade understand the challenges and missions within the AFSBn-Qatar and assisted the Battalion in various areas. Being able to meet each other in person brought the Brigade and the Battalion together even closer than before.

"The 402nd AFSB Staff Assistance Visit to AFSBn-Qatar provided an opportunity for them to gain a better understanding of our mission, meet our team and learn more about our organization," said Lt. Col. Aaron Cook, AFSBn-Qatar Commander.



Photo by Johnnie Frazier, 402nd AFSB Public Officer
Lt. Col. Aaron Cook (left) briefs Robert Williams (right), Deputy to the Commander, 402nd AFSB on containers stored at AFSBn-Qatar, May 2012

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Resilience Training conducted by the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade

By Johnnie Frazier, 402n AFSB Public Affairs

CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT - In June 2012, the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade and Subordinate Units received the Resilience Training Assistant course. The training was supported by the 402nd AFSB Commander, Col. John S. Laskodi to provide 402nd AFSB and Subordinate Units with an opportunity to enhance effectiveness and well-being, and to develop leadership potential.

This initiative falls under the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program which advocates the five pillars of an individual in social, emotional, spiritual, physical and family. The 402nd AFSB is made up of a significant number of U.S. military, Department of the Army civilians and contractors. The 402nd AFSB is embracing more of the idea of Comprehensive Person Fitness, looking at the individual person.

The course is founded on the belief that all people can enhance their resilience by learning and using resilience skills. Even the most resilient of persons can add new resilience skills to the set of skills they are already using in their personal and professional lives.

The class consisted of seven students ranging from U.S. military and Department of the Army civilians. The class was an intense two and one-half days of commitment of the students. Each student brought their unique personalities to the course, challenging concepts and sharing real life stories.

The course taught the students self-awareness, self-regulation, optimism, mental agility, strengths of character and connection. The students learned skills that made them a stronger team member by building their mental toughness. These skills will also develop their ability to understand the thoughts, emotions, and behaviors of themselves and others.

The 402nd AFSB Resilience Training Assistants were invited to participate in Area Support Group Kuwait's Resilience Expo on Camp Arifjan in August 2012.



Photo by Johnnie Frazier, 402nd AFSB Public Affairs

Col. John S. Laskodi congratulated the students that took the Resilience Training Assistant course and presented each student with a Certificate of Completion in June 2012. Students are now certified to co-instruct future Resilience courses.

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